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Please enter the instant correspondence, on the record, in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 30, 2002. Filed herewith is a "Petition For A Three Month Extension of Time" [as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)].

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims, with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i), is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

A clean version of the rewritten or added paragraphs with instruction for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii) is included beginning on page three of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii) is attached as Appendix III.